

September 5, 2019

Dear P.S. 39 Families,

Welcome to Class 1-108! I am so excited about the upcoming year! I hope this letter will help you learn more about me, as well as provide you with some important information to ensure that this year will be a successful one.

I am thrilled to begin my 23rd year of teaching at P.S. 39. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to launch my career in such a remarkable building. P.S. 39 is more than just my workplace- it's my home. I love my job and I'm passionate about what I do each day. Although I have been teaching for many years, I approach each new school year with the same devotion as my first.

First grade is a very special time in your child's school career. It is a time to experience important transitions and acquire new skills. I look forward to guiding your children through new explorations and discoveries. The focus these first few weeks will be to establish routines and build a sense of community in the classroom.

In order to get to know your child better, I am asking for your help. At your discretion, I invite you to write me a letter about your son/daughter (optional). Feel free to include his/her hobbies, interests, likes, dislikes, strengths/challenges, or any other information you feel would be relevant. This information will help me get to know your child on both an academic and personal level.

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2:40-3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside for face to face meetings, telephone conversations, and written correspondence (including email) with parents. Please take advantage of this time to communicate with me as needed across the school year. Although this specific time has been provided it is not the only time that I'm available to meet or speak with parents. We'll be communicating regularly. School/family communication is important at PS 39!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. I have enclosed a copy of my prep schedule (my prep period is when the children are with another teacher). You can reach me by phone at the school during one of those periods. If you are unable to call during my prep, simply leave a message with the office or write me a note and enclose it in your child's homework folder. I will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible. You can also email me anytime. My email address is PPolverino@ps39.org.

Arrival: Our class will line up in the mid-school yard above the 8th Street tower. In the case of inclement weather, students will line up inside the building. Students will enter through the lower door and sit at our assigned class table. The school day begins at 8:20 a.m. Any student who is not present at line-up on time will be marked late.

Dismissal: Our class will be dismissed from the 8th Street yard near the playground at 2:40. To ensure student safety, children must be dismissed prior to leaving the line. Please wait outside of

the fence on the sidewalk for your child. Children that are not picked up on time will be brought to the front steps. On rainy days, students that are not picked up immediately after coming out of the building will be taken to the hallway in the lower entrance of the school to wait.

Lunch: First graders will have lunch/recess from 11:20-12:10. Students will split this time between lunch in the cafeteria and recess on the playground.

To avoid any confusion in the cafeteria and yard, please label all lunch boxes, lunch bags and water bottles with your child's name and class.

Since we have limited classroom space, please make sure your child brings only necessities to school. Personal notebooks, stuffed animals, toys, and electronic devices should remain at home. Also, since we share supplies as a community, your child does not need a pencil case, personal pencils, sharpeners, erasers, etc. Everything they need will always be accessible throughout the classroom.

Stay tuned for information regarding homework and homework routines in the upcoming days.

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. This time will give me an opportunity to guide you through the first grade curriculum.

Please return all necessary paperwork by Tuesday, September 10th.

I truly look forward to working with your children. It will be my joy and privilege to watch them grow and develop this school year.

Thank You,
Phyllis Polverino

Prep Schedule

Monday:

Gym (Period 5) 12:10-1:00

Tuesday:

Science (Period 3) 10:30-11:20

Wednesday:

Art (Period 1) 8:50-9:40

Thursday:

Gym (Period 5) 12:10-1:00

Friday

Music (Period 3) 10:30-11:20